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H J.R. No. 34

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the terms of
2 members of the house of representatives from two years to four
3 years.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article III, Section 4, of the Texas Constitution
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 4. (a) The Members of the House of Representatives
8 shall be chosen by the qualified electors for the term of four
9 years, but a new House of Representatives shall be chosen after
10 every apportionment, and the members elected after each
11 apportionment shall be divided by lot into two classes of equal
12 number. The members of the first class shall vacate their seats
13 two years after the date on which their term of office begins, and
14 members of the second class shall vacate their seats four years
15 after the date on which their term of office begins, so that half
16 of the members will be elected biennially [two-years].

17 (b) Representatives shall take office following their
18 election, on the day set by law for the convening of the Regular
19 Session of the Legislature, and shall serve thereafter for the full
20 term of years to which elected and until their successors shall
21 have been elected and qualified.

22 (c) The Members of the House of Representatives elected at
23 an election before reapportionment based on the 1990 federal census
24 shall be elected for the term of two years. This subsection

1 expires January 31, 1995.

2 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
3 submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 7,
4 1989. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or
5 against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to increase
6 the terms of members of the Texas House of Representatives from two
7 years to four years."

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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JAN 10 1989

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

JAN 26 1989

2. Read first time and referred to Committee on

State Affairs

3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at (as substituted)

4. Printed and distributed at

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at

6. Read second time (amended) and (finally) passed to Third Reading by a Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. _____ was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

8. Read third time (amended) and finally adopted (failed of adoption) by a Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting.

9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of resolution.

10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.J.R. _____ was finally adopted prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

11. Ordered Engrossed at

12. Engrossed.

13. Returned to Chief Clerk at

14. Sent to the Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

15. Received from the House

16. Read, referred to Committee on

17. Reported favorably

18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

19. Ordered not printed.

20. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.) (_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

22. Read second time passed to third reading by: (a viva voce vote.) (_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

_____ 23. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

_____ 24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas,
_____ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

_____ 25. Read third time and passed by
(a viva voce vote.)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

OTHER ACTION:

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Secretary of the Senate

_____ 26. Returned to the House.

_____ 27. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)
(as substituted.)

_____ 28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record
(Substitute) Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 29. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 31. Ordered Enrolled at _____